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Calgary surgeon cooperates with CPSA and admits to unprofessional conduct

Edmonton, AB – Calgary plastic surgeon, Dr. Alan N Lin, admitted to unprofessional conduct for failing to properly supervise his surgical resident, which resulted in the resident removing the scaphoid instead of the trapezium from a patient’s wrist during surgery.

Dr. Lin took immediate responsibility for this situation and advised the patient of the error at the conclusion of surgery. As the physician responsible for the resident, Dr. Lin took steps to ensure this error is not repeated in the future.

The Hearing Tribunal imposed the following sanctions:

- Dr. Lin received a caution.
- Dr. Lin is responsible for 75% of the hearing costs totaling \$16,005.99.

Resource:

[CPSA Hearing Tribunal decision](#)

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